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SUBJECT: JACQUES SCHRICKE, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO  
SOUTH AFRICA

1. JACQUES SCHRICKE, 54, A POLITICAL/MILITARY AFFAIRS  
EXPERT WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PACTS AND  
DISARMAMENT OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS\*  
HAS BEEN NAMED NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA,  
REPLACING MICHEL LEGENDRE.

2. THE BELGIAN-BORN SCHRICKE ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC  
SERVICE IN 1947 AFTER WAR-TIME MILITARY SERVICE AND  
GRADUATION FROM THE ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION.  
HE FIRST SERVED IN THE AFRICA-LEVANT BUREAU OF THE QUAI  
D'ORSAY (1947-1950) AND LATER IN THE FRENCH HIGH  
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COMMISSION IN THE SAAR (1950-1952). HE SUBSEQUENTLY

SERVED IN WASHINGTON (1952-1956), BONN (1956-1960) AND RABAT (1960-1964). SCHRICKE BECAME FRENCH DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO NATO (1964-1968); HE THEN MOVED TO THE KEY POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (A BUREAU ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE NSC STAFF). AFTER A YEAR'S STUDY AT HARVARD (1970-1971), SCHRICKE RETURNED TO THE QUAI D'ORSAY; HE HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE PACTS AND DISARMAMENT OFFICE SINCE DECEMBER 1972.

3. SCHRICKE SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL, GENUINELY LIKES AMERICANS, AND FONDLY RECALLS HIS YEARS SPENT IN THE US. AMERICAN DIPLOMATS HAVE FOUND HIM COMPETENT, PERSONABLE, FRANK AND WELL INFORMED IN DEFENSE MATTERS. SOME OBSERVERS FEEL THAT HE LACKS BOTH IMAGINATION AND DRIVE, BUT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HIS RECENT SERVICE IN PARIS -- DEALING WITH THE RIGIDITIES OF GAULLIST DEFENSE POLICY -- WAS NOT LIKELY TO BRING OUT EITHER OF THESE QUALITIES. THE EARLY PART OF HIS TENURE AS PACTS AND DISARMAMENT DIRECTOR CORRESPONDED TO A DIFFICULT TIME IN US-FRENCH RELATIONS, BUT SCHRICKE ABLY DEFENDED FRENCH INTERESTS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BEING RELATIVELY COOPERATIVE WITH HIS US CONTACTS. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADORSHIP AND PROBABLY WILL BE A CANDID AND AMIABLE COLLEAGUE FOR HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS IN PRETORIA.

4. SCHRICKE MARRIED CORNELIE GONSE IN 1947; THEY HAVE THREE GROWN CHILDREN.

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